

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 20-38 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-14 and 20-31 are amended and new claims 32-38 are added. Various amendments are made to the claims for clarity and are unrelated to issues of patentability.

Applicant maintains all the arguments set forth in the response filed March 7, 2005. In particular, applicant maintains that each of the independent claims 1, 9, 14, 20 and 25 as well as new claims 32, 35 and 37 define patentable subject matter over U.S. Patent 6,414,840 to Suzuki as well as the other applied references. For example, Suzuki (and the other applied references) do not teach or suggest the claimed spring-loaded hinge connecting unit and buffer member (or first/second buffer members) as recited in each of the independent claims. Withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-14 and 20-38 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David C. Oren**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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